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SUBJECT: US-USSR FISHERIES AGREEMENT

1. U.S. REACHED AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET UNION ON JULY 14 ON  
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES. AGREEMENT PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL  
PROTECTION FOR SPECIES, SUCH AS ROCKFISH AND HALIBUT,  
OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO U.S. FISHERIES THROUGH ESTABLISH-  
MENT OF EXTENSIVE TIME/AREA CLOSURES.

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2. AGREEMENT REACHED AFTER 5 DAYS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATION. SOVIETS MOVED FAR FORWARD IN ATTEMPTING TO SEEK SOLUTIONS AS COMPARED TO INFLEXIBLE POSITION THEY TOOK IN FEBRUARY 1975 DISCUSSIONS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT SOVDEL HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK AGREEMENT.

3. COMPARED TO US-JAPAN AGREEMENT, US-SOVIET AGREEMENT IS SOMEWHAT LESS RESTRICTIVE IN TWO AREAS, EASTERN BERING SEA AND KODIAK. ON OTHER HAND, SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS WERE MADE BY SOVIETS OFF PACIFIC NORTHWEST AND CALIFORNIA. FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIETS AGREED TO NOT CONDUCT ANY TRAWLING THROUGHOUT YEAR SOUTH OF 38 DEGREES 10 MINUTES EXTENDING TO US-MEXICO BORDER. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FISHING OPERATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES U.S. VIEW IS THAT US-SOVIET AGREEMENT IS BROADLY COMPARABLE TO US-JAPAN AGREEMENT.

4. CATCH QUOTAS AGREED UPON WERE SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN DESIRABLE. U.S. AND SOVIET SCIENTISTS DIFFERED IN THEIR VIEWS ON STOCK CONDITION, WITH SOVIET SIDE TAKING MOST OPTIMISTIC VIEW AND U.S. CONSERVATIVE VIEW. SINCE QUOTAS ARE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE, U.S. SOUGHT TIME/AREA CLOSURES AS MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROTECTING RESOURCE.

5. EASTERN BERING SEA POLLOCK QUOTA WAS SET AT 210,000 METRIC TONS AND HAKE QUOTA HELD AT SAME LEVEL OF 150,000 TONS. POLLOCK QUOTA REPRESENTS REDUCTION OF ABOUT 30 PERCENT FROM 1973 SOVIET CATCH AND IS COMMENSURATE TO REDUCTION IN JAPANESE QUOTA. AS FOR HAKE SOVIETS PUSHED HARD FOR MUCH LARGER QUOTA OF 200,000 TONS. U.S., ON OTHER HAND, SOUGHT SMALLER QUOTA THAN THAT AGREED UPON DUE TO SEVERE SIGNS OF BIOLOGICAL STRESS.

6. U.S. DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY AMBASSADOR THOMAS A. CLINGAN, JR., DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OES/OFA. V. KAMENTSEV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES LED SOVIET DELEGATION.

7. DRAFTING COMMENCED JULY 15. AGREEMENTS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED JULY 18. PRESS RELEASE WILL BE ISSUED AT TIME OF SIGNING.

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8. FOR TOKYO: U.S. AGREED TO CONSULT WITH JAPAN ON ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SINCE THERE ARE SUFFICIENT DIFFERENCES IN AGREEMENT JUST CONCLUDED WHICH MAY CAUSE JAPANESE CONCERN, WE PLAN TO SEND TWO-MAN TEAM LED BY L.M. NAKATSU, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS, OES/OFA, O/A 25 JULY TO BRIEF GOJ. POST IS REQUESTED TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ

OFFICIALS 28 AND/OR 29 JULY. SHOULD GOJ FEEL IT DESIRABLE  
AND HELPFUL FOR BRIEFING TO BE HELD FOR KEY INDUSTRY  
MEMBERS, E.G. K. NISHIMURA, JAPANESE COMMISSIONER TO  
INPFC, TEAM WILL BE GLAD TO DO SO.

9. FOR TOKYO, SEOUL, TAIPEI: TEAM PLANS TO VISIT SEOUL TO  
CONSULT WITH ROKG ON PRESENT AND FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS IN  
NORTH PACIFIC AND TO TAIPEI TO DISCUSS SERIOUS PROBLEM IN  
NORTH PACIFIC. DETAILS WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.  
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT REGFISHATT BROUILLARD ACCOMPANY  
TEAM. TEAM ITINERARY WILL BE CABLED ASAP. INGERSOLL

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